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SUBJECT: GLENN SCOTT SHORTLIFFE, CANADIAN AMBASSADOR-
DESIGNATE TO INDONESIA

1. THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS HAS ANNOUNCED THAT
GLENN S. SHORTLIFFE WILL BE THE NEW CANADIAN AMBASSADOR TO
INDONESIA. FOLLOWING ARE BIOGRAPHIC DATA.

2. BORN IN EDMONTON, ALBERTA ON NOVEMBER 12, 1937, SHORT-
LIFFE RECEIVED HIS B.A. WITH HONORS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF
ALBERTA, 1960, DID POST-GRADUATE STUDIES IN U.S. HISTORY
AT THE UNIVERSITY OF OREGON AND AT THE UNIVERSITY OF
ALBERTA. HE ALSO SERVED AS A LECTURER AT BOTH UNIVERSIT-
IES.

3. SHORTLIFFE JOINED THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS IN
1962, AND IN MAY 1963 HE WAS ASSIGNED AS THIRD SECRETARY
TO BOGOTA AND QUITO. HE RETURNED TO OTTAWA IN NOVEMBER
1965 WHERE HE WORKED IN THE UN DIVISION UNTIL HE WAS
ASSIGNED TO KUALA LUMPUR IN 1967 AS FIRST SECRETARY. IN
1970 HE WAS POSTED BACK TO OTTAWA AGAIN TO THE UNITED
NATIONS POLITICAL AND INSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS DIVISION PRIOR
TO HIS SECONDMENT TO THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY, TRADE AND
COMMERCE. IN SEPTEMBER 1971 HE WAS ASSIGNED AS CONSUL AND
TRADE COMMISSIONER IN SAN JUAN.

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4. IN 1974 SHORTLIFFE CAME BACK TO OTTAWA TO SERVE AS
DEPUTY DIRECTOR AND THEN DIRECTOR OF THE USA DIVISION. IN
1975 FOREIGN MINISTER MACEACHEN MADE HIM HIS SPECIAL
ASSISTANT FOR PRESS RELATIONS, BUT WHEN THE MINISTERIAL
PORTFOLIO CHANGED IN 1976, HE WAS ASSIGNED TEMPORARILY TO
THE EXAMINATION BOARD PRIOR TO HIS APPOINTMENT AS DIRECTOR

OF THE SECURITY SERVICES DIVISION. HE IS MARRIED TO THE FORMER SYLVIA RAYCHEBA AND HAS TWO CHILDREN.

5. COMMENT: SHORTLIFFE IS WELL KNOWN TO EMBASSY. HE IS INTELLIGENT, VIGOROUS, AGGRESSIVE, GREGARIOUS, AND HAS HAD, AS IS EVIDENT, METEORIC RISE IN CANADIAN FOREIGN SERVICE, THANKS IN PART TO PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH FORMER FOREIGN MINISTER ALLAN MACEACHEN. HIS REPUTATION IN MINISTRY IS GENERALLY HIGH, WHERE HE IS KNOWN AS THOROUGH AND HARD WORKER, AND DIVERTING SOCIAL COMPANION.

6. EMBASSY RELATIONS WITH HIM WERE MIXED. AS DIRECTOR OF USA DIVISION, HE WAS KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT US-CANADIAN ISSUES BUT HE COULD BE QUITE DIFFICULT, SHOOTING FROM THE HIP AND SEEMINGLY GOING OUT OF HIS WAY TO ASSUME ARDENTLY NATIONALISTIC POSITIONS. HE BELONGS TO THAT BREED OF CANADIAN DIPLOMAT WHICH IS NOT AVERSE TO SCORING POINTS OFF THE U.S. WE THINK HE WILL BE SOMEWHAT OUT OF HIS DEPTH IN JAKARTA THOUGH, FOR REASONS WHICH ELUDE US, EXTAFF DOES NOT CONSIDER THAT POST AS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT TO CANADA. DUEMLING

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